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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Duty Only Calls Him to France—Sees Early Peace

President Wilson gave to the country Monday in a joint session of Congress his reasons for going abroad at the head of the American peace delegation.

The address was delivered under the most remarkable circumstances that have characterized his career as a spokesman before Congress. For the first time he faced a Senate and House in which signs of hostility were plainly and unmistakably visible. For the first time senators and representatives in his own party as well as in the party of opposition sat silent and unresponsive when attempts were made to start applause. And the applause when it did come was not the generous and spontaneous outburst of old.

The president was keenly conscious of the change. Those who watched his face were quick to see the shadow that fell across his features, the closer drawing of the lips, the paling of the cheeks. His voice, husky at the beginning of his address, was even more husky as the last few words were spoken.

By his own statement, the president goes abroad to enforce the ideals of peace which were stated by him in his address of Jan. 8 last, and which have been accepted by the allied governments as the true bases of the peace settlements. Those ideals, he said, are the ideals of the American nation and of the soldiers and sailors who joined in the great conflict. He goes to the peace table to play his "full part in making good what they offered their life's blood to obtain."

The president does not intend to be away long. He reassured Congress that the avenue of communication will be kept entirely open so that the people may be kept fully advised of all that is done at the conference, and so that while away he may be in constant touch with governmental affairs here.

This is the substance of what the president said in that portion of his speech relating to the trip abroad. It was said at the conclusion of the address which was in the form of an annual message to the Congress about to take up the duties of the short session. The few words that he said regarding the trip abroad did not compose more than one-tenth of the entire address.

The president laid before Congress his legislative programme, including the following subjects:

First—Reconstruction, regarding which he urged measures to insure employment for the returning soldiers, the return as speedily as possible of business and industry to their normal channels, and a policy of developing arid and swamp land so that millions of acres now useless may be thrown open to settlement.

Second—Financial assistance to Belgium and northern France to aid in their physical rehabilitation.

Third—Speedy enactment of the revenue bill so that business may know what burdens it will have to carry in the coming two years.

Fourth—Enactment of the naval programme for the building of dreadnought and cruisers during the coming three years.

Fifth—Railroad legislation to provide against the return of the railroads to their owners under the old conditions.

Sixth—Extensions of the suffrage to women in recognition of their service to the country during the war.

Seventh—Ratification of the Colombian treaty.

It was evident when the president entered the hall to make his address that among the Republicans there was manifest a disposition to treat the president as shabbily as they possible could without transgressing the bounds of actual courtesy. Not a single Republican member of either house applauded when the president was escorted to the rostrum. The applause was started on the Democratic side and the president turned in that direction and smiled his acknowledgments. Then as he slowly allowed his gaze to turn to the Republican side he saw the entire membership of that party standing silently and quietly at attention.

Rock Carver Buried

The remains of Rock Carver, son of J. N. Carver, who died on the sea en route to France, reached McKenzie Saturday for burial. Young Carver was a member of

the marines and was one of five sons of this family serving their country, and the first to die. The body was met at the station by a committee from the Red Cross chapter and conveyed to the home of his parents on Forrest avenue. Sunday the funeral rites were said at Chapel Hill, twelve miles east of town, in the presence of a congregation that packed the church. The Rev. A. E. Wilson preached the funeral sermon and D. A. Burkhalter delivered the eulogy.

LEGAL COMMITTEES

Asked to Continue Their Service to Returning Soldiers

The Adjutant General of the U. S. Army has informed the Council of National Defense that the local Legal Committees, formed by the State Council of Defense to give legal advice to soldiers and sailors, will render a service of great value to the morale of our army in its demobilization by continuing existence during the demobilization period and providing free legal advice to the discharged soldiers in assisting them to straighten out their affairs, and to see that they are given the final benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. "These committees," says Maj. Rutledge Smith, Chairman of the State Council of Defense, "have rendered valuable service to the government during the induction period, and that they can be of further value to their government and to the boys who are coming home will, I feel confident, be an added incentive to them in the continuance of their work."

Especially stress is placed upon the protection of the returning soldier from loan sharks and others who are willing to discount papers or soldier with considerable personal gain to the purchaser.

The devil gave us our relatives, but thank God, we can choose our friends.

PEACE MEETINGS

To Be Held in Paris, France, Beginning December 16

The peace conferences will begin in Paris on December 16, is the general impression at this time. Only the star chamber sessions will be held in Versailles.

It is practically certain that several peace treaties will be signed. The first is expected to be a preliminary peace on broad terms, which will terminate the armistice and permit demobilization, ending the state of war.

Then will begin the real job of reconciling the interests of the allied nations. This will take some time and will not be hurried is the impression of those who are keeping in close touch with public opinion.

A recent special from Paris says that President Wilson, Premier Clemenceau, Premier Lloyd-George and Premier Orlando will begin holding conferences on December 16, and belief is expressed that the four powers represented by these statesmen will have presented their views on all the main points involved in peace negotiations by Christmas. All of the details will have been worked out by the end of January. During the course of these preliminaries the smaller allies will be consulted. The German envoys probably will not be called until the end of January.

Corn Cut Short

According to the state agricultural department the corn crop in Tennessee was cut considerably short by the drouth last summer. It is estimated that the crop was damaged at least 35 per cent. For a while in the early summer, a bumper crop was indicated, but the failure to rain at the proper time, caused much damage to the yield and also to the quality of the crop grown.

THANKSGIVING JUBILEE

A Large Crowd Attended Program at Court House

On Thanksgiving evening a large audience was present at the court house to join in the victory Thanksgiving jubilee. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with bunting, flags and flowers. The decorations were greatly admired by all, and pronounced the most artistic and beautiful ever seen in Huntingdon. Mr. H. R. Darling, who furnished his grafonola for the occasion, enlivened the audience with a number of special selection before the beginning of the evening program. W. L. Noell briefly outlined the purpose of the meeting, and led the audience in a thirty-minute community song service, using the old hymns with which all were familiar, and almost every one present joined heartily in singing the old songs.

The 23d Psalm was recited in unison, and Rev. C. C. Hines led in prayer. Gov. Rye's Thanksgiving proclamation was read by Mrs. E. Love Hawkins Mebane, following which the audience stood and joined heartily in singing the Coronation hymn. Rev. D. B. Raulins delivered a short address on "Why We Are Thankful." J. J. Sam Johnson responded to the toast—to our boys "Over There," and a special choir sang "Keep the Home Fires Burning." John T. Peeler responded to the toast—to the mothers of the boys "Over There."

Rev. C. C. Hines spoke to the toast—"To the Boys in the Home Camps," followed by Prof. J. J. Hendrickson, "To the Mothers of the Boys in the Home Camps."

The audience joined in singing "The Old Folks at Home." Miss Fisk gave two readings on Thanksgiving, followed by special grafonola selections by Mr. Darling. The closing address, "When the Boys Come Home," was spoken

by Dr. B. C. Dodds, after which the audience joined in singing "Home, Sweet Home," and the benediction was said by Rev. D. B. Raulins.

Following this many remained to enjoy the social hour and the many splendid grafonola selections. Every one seemed outspoken in their appreciation of the entire program.

Get your happiness out of your work or you will never know what happiness is.

SAILING FOR EUROPE

President Wilson Leaves for the Peace Conference

President Wilson sailed for Europe Wednesday morning to attend the peace conference, establishing a precedent in American history.

The historic voyage began at 10:24 o'clock, on the former Hamburg-American liner George Washington.

America said godspeed to the presidential party in a tumult of noise. Thousands of persons in Hoboken, Jersey City and lower New York City joined in a thunderous burst of cheering, while all of the craft in the harbor united their whistles and sirens in one mighty shriek of ear-splitting noise.

The liner is being conveyed by a squadron of war craft, led by the battleship Pennsylvania, while seaplanes and dirigibles hovered over the ship and her precious cargo.

MRS. CHARLIE DENNING

Mrs. Charlie Denning died last Friday at her home in Nashville and her remains were brought to McKenzie and were laid to rest in the Mt. Olivet. She was a Miss Granade, prior to her marriage and was reared in McKenzie. The family, however has lived in Nashville a number of years. She is survived by her husband and four children, three girls and one boy. She was a most excellent Christian woman and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

FINAL SESSION

Congress Will Consider Important Questions

The Sixty-fifth Congress began its third and final session Monday with many important matters before it. These include solution of the railroad problem, the army and navy programmes, reconstruction legislation, retrenchment in government expenditures, war revenue legislation, woman suffrage and the Colombian treaty.

In view of President Wilson's statement in his annual address to Congress today that he does not expect conclusion of peace until spring, leaders tonight expressed doubt whether the present Senate, which expires by limitation next March 3, would be called upon to act on the peace treaty.

Chairman Hitchcock of the Senate foreign relations committee said he expected several treaties would result.

Immediate steps are planned by Senate and House leaders to deal with railroad legislation, probably by a comprehensive investigation into all phases of this admittedly complicated subject.

Look After Allotments

The Bureau of War Risk Insurance has asked the State Council of National Defense to continue its efforts in reporting persons who wrongfully receive allotments from soldiers or sailors, and all county councils are urged to be vigilant in running down such cases and reporting them to Washington, especially during the period of demobilization.

There are cases where dependents of former soldiers and sailors are still receiving allotments, after such soldier or sailor has been discharged.

There are cases where persons are receiving allowances who are not entitled to them under the provisions of the Act.

There are women named as the wives of men, but who are not their wives, and cases where allowances are being received in the names of children who are not living.

All such cases should be reported to the chairman of your county board in order that the Bureau of War Risk Insurance may be immediately notified. Unjustified allotments and allowances breed a tendency to idleness," says Maj. Rutledge Smith, and tend to cripple the morale of the community. Besides, they increase the already large expenditures which the people are forced to meet through taxation."

FROM MOSE PRIEST

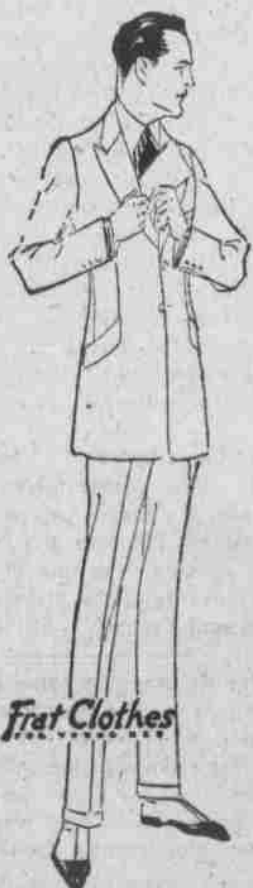
Mrs. Haywood Priest is in receipt of a letter from her son, Mose (of the 4th of November) in which Mose writes, he had been in the thickest of the battles on the Western front for five weeks. When his infantry was ordered over the top, they advanced to meet the enemy through liquid fire, and he saw his friends fall around him, but he was not afraid, but pressed on in the fight, capturing 10,000 prisoners in one drive, and after the roar of the guns had ceased and the smoke of battle cleared away, he came out of the fiery furnace unscathed.

In another letter of more recent date, Nov. 10th, Mose writes that his division was relieved on the night of October 30th and to show their appreciation of the long hard fight of the men, they carried what remained of the 82nd Division to a beautiful city, Aix Les Bains, in the extreme southern part of France, for a 12 day vacation, where in a magnificent hotel, with every thing good to eat, they were resting and enjoying delightful sleep in clean beds with white sheets. He expressed the belief the armistice would be signed next day and he hoped to be home by spring. Mose also writes, France is a beautiful country, but none so lovely to him, or so grand, as his own, his native land.

The funeral of Mrs. W. J. Terry will be preached at Long Rock church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. E. Gibson.

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